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**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M**

**MOST VOTERS WOULD PROBABLY PLACE STREET REHABILITATION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AS TOP PRIORITY. SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH MEASURE M?**

**MEASURE M IS A PIECEMEAL APPROACH GRUDGINGLY SPONSORED BY A DIVIDED COUNCIL.**

- Three Councilmembers didn't vote to support this bond.
- In the voter poll, substantial support was expressed for a comprehensive \$50 Million street bond. Yet Council reduced this to accommodate the low priority pool measures.
- Councilmembers disagreed on how much, if anything, should be spent on streets versus trophy projects, like bioswales. Can we now trust them to properly spend the bond money?
- Measure M won't meet our street and water management needs, doesn't guarantee wise spending, and specifically enables spending on expensive unproven technology.

**THE FIVE YEAR STREET RE-PAVING PLAN THAT WOULD GUIDE MEASURE M EXPENDITURES IS OUT OF DATE AND NOT EXPLICITLY ALIGNED WITH THE LATEST AND BEST PRACTICES RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY AUDITOR.**

- According to the City website, the most current street plan commenced in 2010 and terminates in 2015. There is no indication that it has been modified or updated to incorporate newest Best Management Practices.
- Our City Auditor advised that, for a cost-effective program, the streets chosen for remedial action must be those indicated under the state-of-the-art *StreetSaver* program. *StreetSaver* is not mentioned at all in the City's Five Year Plan or in Measure M as the guiding mechanism for street rehabilitation.

**WE CAN DO BETTER! WE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE, CLEAR, PROFESSIONAL PLAN FOR OUR STREETS AND SEWERS.**

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